

### **REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are currently pending, with claims 8-11 previously withdrawn as directed to a nonelected invention. Claims 1 and 3-7 have been amended to clarify the scope of the claim and to correct dependencies and other minor errors. Claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice. The specification has been amended for clarification purposes, and no new matter has been added. Support for the amendment can be found in throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed.

#### **Previous Office Action**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the previous claim objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs have been withdrawn. Applicants note that the Examiner did not indicate whether the previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 had been withdrawn or whether said rejection was being maintained. For the purposes of this response, Applicants assume that the obviousness rejection has been withdrawn in view of the amendments and remarks made in response to the previous Office Action.

#### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The present claims have been amended to recite a composition consisting essentially of nut oil extracts from the species *Semecarpous Anacardium* Linn and/or *Anacardium Occidentale* Linn, along with extracts of *Allium Sativum* Linn and *Zingiber Officinale* Rosc. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to include description of these specific species of the genus Anacardiaceae. Applicants submit that the specification is enabling for such a composition, as

conceded by the Examiner in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**SUMMARY**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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